



YEAR 12 NEWSLETTER 2017



Dear Parents/Caregivers

NCEA

Congratulations on the success achieved by your sons/daughters in NCEA Level One. Special mention must be made once again of the large number of students who achieved credits at Merit and Excellence level. These students are to be commended for outstanding results and it is exciting to see students continuing to strive for excellence.

Many of our students already have a number of Level Two credits. To attain the Level Two Certificate they require 80 credits; 60 from Level 2 or higher Unit Standards/Achievement Standards and the other 20 from Level 1 or higher.

UNIFORM

Students are again looking particularly smart in their senior uniforms and appear to be taking great pride in wearing the senior uniform. Just a reminder about shoes – it's either **black roman sandals** or **black leather school shoes** with black socks/stockings. As the cooler, wetter weather arrives, students will need to ensure they have the correct school jersey, school jacket or school blazer.

The jewellery policy for our school is that students can wear one pair of earrings, one bracelet and one ring.

ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY

A reminder that school starts at 8.45a.m. Students are expected to be present in their Form Class at this time. This is an important part of the day where information is communicated. Any lateness to school needs to be explained by parents/caregivers, either by providing a note for the student to bring to Form Class or by phoning the Student Centre (871 4199, press 1 from menu).

VEHICLE AUTHORISATION

If your son/daughter intends to drive a car to school, you will both need to have completed a Vehicle Authorisation form that can be obtained from the Student Centre. This information is kept on file and is useful to identify things such as the owner of vehicles with lights left on etc. Students may park their vehicles on Tawhaio Street or Mahoe Street. Completed forms can be returned to the Dean's office.

PROFILE REPORTS

These will be issued on **Friday 17 March (Week 7)**. These will give parents and caregivers information as to how their son or daughter has started the year.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE EVENING

In past years we have had a very successful and enjoyable evening to recognise Academic Excellence in NCEA. We will repeat the evening again this year for Year 12 and Year 13 students who have attained the 15 Excellence credits to gain their Bronze award, 30 Excellence credits to gain their Silver award, 50 Excellence credits to gain their Gold award or 60 Excellence credits to gain their Distinction.

The evening of celebration for students and parents is set for **Thursday, 23 March** at 7:00pm at Vilagrads Winery. Invitations will be posted in the next few weeks.

UNIVERSITY AND CAREERS ADVICE

For students considering entering University in the future, please ensure that they are taking courses which will enable them to meet the entrance requirements for university study, e.g. in Literacy. For information regarding university pre-requisites, see the Course Selection book under "Where are you Heading?" for further information or contact Mrs. Dickson (Careers Adviser). Mrs. Dickson is available by appointment to interview and guide students in their future education/career paths.

LEADERSHIP

A number of leadership opportunities are available in the senior school. Aside from the Head Student and House Leader positions, there are a number of student committees operating this year, including the Service Committee, SADD Committee, Social Committee, Sports Committee, Hokioi Committee, Culture Committee, Health Committee and Environment Committee. Information about these committees and meetings is communicated regularly through the daily notices. We encourage all students to get involved in the wider life of the College this year.

We hope that this year will be both successful and enjoyable for your child.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any concerns or queries. If we are unavailable, please leave a message on my voicemail or via e-mail.

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